

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1800. A bill to strengthen and improve the management of national security, encourage Government service in areas of critical national security, and to assist government agencies in addressing deficiencies in personnel possessing specialized skills important to national security and incorporating the goals and strategies for recruitment and retention for such skilled personnel into the strategic and performance management systems of Federal agencies; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Durbin

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S. 1805. *A bill to convert certain temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships, extend a judgeship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

DeWine

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S. 1807. A bill to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Hatch

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S. Res. 189. A resolution to amend the rules of the Senate to improve legislative efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

McCain

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Measures Passed:

Judicial Financial Disclosure Authority: *Senate passed H.R. 2336, to extend for 4 years, through December 31, 2005, the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:*

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Reid (for Lieberman/Thompson) Amendment No. 2478, *to extend for 4 years the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers.*

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Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2479, *to amend the title.*

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District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment Act: *Senate passed H.R. 2199,* to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2480, *to make a certain technical correction.*

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Nominations Confirmed:

Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 361), John D. Bates, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Julie A. Robinson, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

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"... We have accomplished more, and at a faster pace, than in years past. Even with the time needed by the FBI to follow up on the allegations that arose regarding Judge Wooten in connection with his confirmation hearing, we have proceeded much more quickly than at any time during the last 6½ years. Thus, while the average time from nomination to confirmation grew to well over 200 days for the last several years, we have considered nominees much more promptly. Measured from receipt of their ABA peer reviews, we have confirmed the judges this year, including the Court of Appeals nominees, on average in less than 60 days. So, we are working harder and faster than previously on judicial nominations, despite the difficulties being faced by the nation and the Senate. We have also completed work on a number of judicial nominations in a more open manner than ever before. For the first time, this Committee is making public the 'blue slips' sent to home State Senators. Until my chairmanship, these matters were treated as confidential materials and restricted from public view. We have moved nominees with less time from hearings to the Committee's business meeting agenda, and then out to the floor, where nominees have received timely roll call votes and confirmations..." (Leahy, Page S 12818)

Nominations Received:

Senate received the following nominations:

James Duane Dawson, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

William Carey Jenkins, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Dwight MacKay, of Montana, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Ronald Richard McCubbin, Jr., of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

David Reid Murtaugh, of Indiana, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the local role in homeland security, focusing on the federal government's role in preparedness assessment and planning, and in providing resources necessary to local areas for terrorism defense.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on **S. 1615**, to provide for the sharing of certain foreign intelligence information with local law enforcement personnel.

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Committee Meetings For Wednesday, December 12, 2001:

Committee on Armed Services: @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense implementation of the President's Military Order on the detention, treatment, and trial by military

commissions of certain non-citizens in the war on terrorism. SR-325.

Committee on the Judiciary: @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the future of the Microsoft settlement. SD-106.

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Remark:

D.C. Family Court Reform.
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HOUSE

Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 311 providing for consideration of **H.R. 3295**, to establish a program to provide funds to States to replace punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and programs, to establish minimum election administration standards for States and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections, amended (House Report 107-331); and

H. Res. 312, waiving points of order against the conference report on **H.R. 2883**, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (House Report 107- 332).

Pages H 9234-5, D 1235

Suspensions:

The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

21st Century Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act: H. Res. 310, providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 1291, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill (the Senate amended the title so as to read: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve authorities relating to education benefits, burial benefits, and vocational rehabilitation benefits for veterans, *to modify certain authorities relating to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims*, and for other purposes);

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Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse, Butte, Montana: H.R. 3282, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse." Agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 484;

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Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act: Agreed to the Senate amendments H.R. 10, to provide for pension reform. Agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 369 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 485. (The Senate amended the title so as to read: An Act to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries)--*clearing the measure for the President*;

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Suspensions--Further Proceedings Postponed:

The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules upon which further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, Dec. 12:

Keeping the Social Security Promise Initiative: H. Con. Res. 282, expressing the sense of Congress that

the Social Security promise should be kept;

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Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act: H.R. 3209, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to false communications about certain criminal violations; and

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Public Health Service and Bioterrorism Response Act: H.R. 3448, to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on OxyContin.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on the settlement between the U.S. Government and Nextwave, Inc., to resolve disputed spectrum licenses.

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a rule waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany **H.R. 2883**, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, and against its consideration.

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Committee Meetings For Wednesday, December 12, 2001:

Committee on Government Reform, @ 1:00 p.m. Hearing on "*The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Is It Working as Congress Intended?-- Part II.*" 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "*The Digital Millennium Copyright Act Section 104 Report.*" 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, @ 4:00 p.m. To consider the following Conference Reports: **H.R. 1**, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; **S. 1438**, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002; and **H.R. 3061**, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. H-313 Capitol.

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Remark:

Social Security Solvency.

Smith

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Next SENATE MEETING: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., December 12, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., December 12, 2001.

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